THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTER OF COAL (SHRI AJIT KUMAR PANJA-: (a) According to the information received from Coal India Limited, no coal stock shortage was written off during the last five years in the subsidiaries of Coal India Limited except in South Eastern Coalfields Limited, the details of which are as under:

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Name of company	Amount Written of (in lakh tonnes)	Year
SECL	0.97	1990-91

(b) The above coal stock shortage written-off in SECL was primarily due to over reporting of coal production.

(c) to (e) According to the information received from Coal India Lmited, disciplinary action was initiated against 9 erring officials for the above shortage which has since been written-off. One of the Officers has been warned and another has been cautioned. Action against one official has been stayed by Honourable High Court of Madhya Pradesh Disciplinary proceedings are pending with CIL in respect of the remaining one official.

Criteria for promotion of officers in Coal India Ltd.

5057. SHRI PARMESHWAR KUMAR AGARWALLA: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that decision was taken by Coal India Ltd. that its officers who have not worked in Safety or Training Department would not be considered for promotion to higher grades;

(b) if the answer of part (a) above is in the affirmative what are the details of the cases considered for promotion on this basis; and

(c) if not, what are the reasons that guidelines are not being followed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRI AJIT KUMAR PANJA): (a) In 1993 a decision was taken in CIL Safety Board meeting that "Line executives must serve in one of the service sectors either in Safety or Training before being considered for promotion".

(b) and (c) This decision has not been given effect to as it will be incorporated in the Promotion Policy of Coal India Ltd. through an amendment to be approved by CIL Board which has not yet been done.

Safety measures in coal mines

5058. SHRI PARMESHWAR KUMAR AGARWALLA: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government give adequate attention to safety measures in coal mines;

(b) if so, whether keeping in view the importance of safety measures in our coal mines, some time back, a proposal for creatin of posts of Director (Safety) of ECL and BCCL were approved CIL Board;

(c) whether this proposal has been implemented;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and